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"	Old " " " " " "	485	
"	New Malwa, cash.....	520	
	Allowance, Teals.....	16 3/4	
	Oil Malwa, cash.....	540/60	
	Allowance, Teals.....	8/32	
	Persian. Oil, cash.....	560	
	Allowance, Teals.....	None	
	Persian, Paper tied.....	540/710	

On London—	
Bank Wire,	3 1/2
On demand,	4 2
30 days' sight,	3 3/4
1 month's sight,	3 3/4
Credits 4 months,	3 3/4
Documentary, 1 month's sight,	3 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand,	4 00
Credits 4 months' sight,	4 10
On New York—	
On demand,	77
Credits, 60 days' sight,	78 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire,	225
On demand,	225 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	2 5

On demand.....	£22½
On Shingha—	
On demand.....	72½
30 days' sight.....	73½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine.....	32.20
Silver wire.....	\$6.22

**Temperature.**

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,  
Queen's Road.)

BAROMETER—	9 A.M....	30.00
Do.	1 P.M....	29.95
Do.	4 P.M....	29.94
THERMOMETER—		
Do.	1 P.M....	76°
Do.	4 P.M....	78
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M....	74
Do.	Do. 1 P.M....	75
Do.	Do. 4 P.M....	75
Do.	Maximum.....	76
Do.	Minimum over night.....	74

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## METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Barsometer.....	76.90
Temperature.....	76
Humidity.....	92
Direction of Wind.....	

Force		0					
Weather		0					
Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 19, 1897.							
CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.							
OCTOBER 17.—AT 4 P.M.							
Station	Barometer reduced to sea level	Thermom.	Humidity	Wind direction	Force	Weather	Remarks
W'lostok	30.17	47	—	NE	2	b	
Nagasaki	30.00	—	—	NE	2	b	
Shanghai	29.91	73	86	SE	3	b	
Amoy	29.94	82	71	SE	3	b	
Hongkong	29.91	78	78	E	3	c	
Haiphong	29.96	87	87	SW	1	—	
Colima	29.91	81	—	W	2	c	
Manila	29.80	90	60	W	1	c	
OCTOBER 18.—AT 10 A.M.							
W'lostok	30.10	42	61	N	3	b	
Nagasaki	30.01	—	—	E	2	—	
Shanghai	29.86	68	87	NE	2	b	
Amoy	29.92	77	83	—	0	b	
Hongkong	29.98	74	93	—	0	0	
Haiphong	2.04	76	72	—	1	—	
Colima	29.91	82	—	SE	1	b	
Manila	29.80	—	—	—	—	—	

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are beneficial to the humidity rather high & cloudy weather prevails.

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5. FORCE OF WIND, according to BEAUFORT'S SCALE.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, a blue sky, scattered clouds, a drizzling rain, fog, a gloom, hail, lightning, overcast, a passing shower, equally, rain, a snow, a thunder, a visible & a dew (dot).
7. WIND, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

**SUN AND TIDE TABLE FOR HONGKONG.**  
(From The Hongkong Almanack.)  
OCTOBER.

	HIGH WATER.			SUN.	
Day of Month.	Morn.	Aft.	Rises.	Sets.	
1	6.38	7.34	5.57	5.53	
15	7.55	8.51	5.58	5.53	
16	8.30	9.21	5.58	5.53	
17	9.23	9.21	5.59	5.53	
18	10.13	9.59	5.59	5.53	
19	11.2	10.34	5.58	5.53	

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Moon—New Moon 17d. 1h. 23m. more

Canton, Oct. 17, 1887.  
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**SHIPPING IN CHINA, JAPAN  
PHILIPPINES, AND SIAM  
WATERS.**

WHAMPOA.		
Passenger's Name.	Flag & Exp.	Destination.
Amoy	Brit.	str. Hongkong
Failang	Brit.	str.

Felling      Brit.      Ger.  
 —————  
 AMOY.  
 In port on October 8, 1887.  
 MERCHANT STEAMERS.  
 Daburg      German  
 Fokien      British  
 Port Adelaide      British

**MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.**

A. Wichhorst	Ger.	sch.
Argos	Ger.	bqa.
Hak Leo	Dan.	bqa.

FOOCHOW.  
In port on October 7, 1887.  
MERCHANT STEAMERS.

Ajax	British
Haitan	British
Waiting	Chinese

Watergous	British
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.	
Emilie	Norw. sch.
Kristina Nilsson	Ger. bg.
W. Siegfried	Brit. bqe.

	SHANGHAI.
	In port on October 8, 1887.
	MERCHANT STEAMERS.
Canton	British

Rushun	Chinese
Glongarry	British
Hydaspes	British
Ingeborg	British
Kiang-foo	British
Kiang-piau	Chinese

Kung-wo	British	
Moyune	British	
Pao Hua	British	
Peking	British	
Saghalian	French	Marseilles
Signal	German	

Strathleven	British	
Yiksang	British	
Yuen Wo	British	

**MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.**

Asia	Brit.	sh.
Benj. Sewall	Am.	sh.

Charley	Brit.	bqg.
Dione	Norw.	bqg.
Honolulu	Brit.	sh.
Leander	Brit.	sh.
Martha	Brit.	bqg.
Sea Swallow	Brit.	bqg.

TIENTSIN.		
In Port on October 1, 1887.		
D. Barrow	Ger.	sch.
George	Dan.	bqg.
Norway	Nor.	bqg.

P. Wilhelmina Dut. sch.  
Satsuma<sup>a</sup> Brit. bqs.

**NAGASAKI.**  
In port on September 21, 1887.

Kozaki Maru	Japan. bqe.
W. G. Davis	Amer. sh.

HIOGO.

In port on September 21, 1887.

Alex. Gibson	Amer.	sh.
Dymonene	Brit.	sh.
Importer	Amer.	bge.

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**YOKOHAMA.**

In port on September 23, 1887.

Fearless	Ger.	cut.
Mohawk	Brit.	bqa.
Orient	Ger.	bqa.
Roalin Castle	Brit.	bqa.
Winnipeg	Brit.	sh.

**MANILA.**  
In port on September 23, 1887

Anamba	Brit. bqs. Liverpool
Austriana	Brit. sh.
Auston	Norw. bqs.

Benj. T. Hunt	Amer.	bq.	
Britannia	Norw.	bq.	
Carl Bohn	Ger.	bq.	
Daggry	Norw.	bq.	Boston
Drumeltan	Brit.	sh.	
Eslario	Brit.	sh.	

Emblem	Brit.	bqa.	
Eugenie	Brit.	bqa.	
Formosa	Brit.	sh.	
Hercules	Amer.	sh.	U. King
Hiram Emery	Amer.	bqa.	
Hirat	Brit.	sh.	

H. I. Labby	Brit.	bqs.
Ivy	Brit.	bqs.
Jabez Howe	Amer.	wh.
Lennie Burril	Brit.	sh. Boston
Leopold	Ger.	sh. London
Mary L. Stone	Amer.	sh.

Nagpore	Brit.	sh.
Nomad	Amer.	bqe.
Ringleader	Amer.	sh. United
Santa Clara	Amer.	sh.

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**BANGKOK**

In port on September 21, 1883	
Bua Pan	Siam. bqs.
Hermann	Ger. bqs.
Kim Chye Seng	Siam. bqs.
Linda	Ital. bqs.
O. Scorette	Ital. sh.

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